

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 675**

**Introduced by Assembly Member Hagman**  
(Coauthor: Senator Huff)

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An act to add Section 110.6 to the Business and Professions Code, relating to professions and vocations.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 675, as introduced, Hagman. Continuing education.

Existing law provides for the licensure and regulation of professions and vocations by boards within the Department of Consumer Affairs and these boards may require licensees to satisfy continuing education course requirements.

This bill would provide, if applicable, that continuing education courses, as specified, that advance or promote labor organizing on behalf of a union, or that advance or promote statutory or regulatory changes, political candidates, political advocacy, or political strategy shall not be considered content relevant to the practice regulated by the board and shall not be acceptable for meeting requirements for licensure renewal. The bill would also prohibit, to the extent applicable, an approved provider from representing that such a continuing education course is acceptable for meeting requirements for licensure renewal and would require a board, subject to specified procedural requirements, to withdraw its approval of a provider that violates that requirement for no less than 5 years, as specified.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.  
State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

1     SECTION 1. Section 110.6 is added to the Business and  
2 Professions Code, to read:

3     110.6. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, if a board  
4 described in Section 101 requires its licensees to satisfy continuing  
5 education requirements by pursuing a course of continuing  
6 education, the following shall apply:

7     (a) Continuing education courses shall contain only content  
8 relevant to the particular practice regulated by the board pursuant  
9 to its laws and regulations. Continuing education courses that  
10 advance or promote labor organizing on behalf of a union, or that  
11 advance or promote statutory or regulatory changes, political  
12 candidates, political advocacy, or political strategy shall not be  
13 considered content relevant to the practice regulated by the board  
14 and shall not be acceptable for meeting continuing education  
15 requirements. For the purposes of this section, “courses” includes  
16 institutes, seminars, lectures, conferences, workshops, and any  
17 other public events.

18     (b) (1) To the extent applicable, if an approved provider offers  
19 a course described in subdivision (a), the provider shall not  
20 represent that the course is acceptable for meeting the continuing  
21 education requirements. If a provider violates this requirement,  
22 the board shall withdraw its approval of the provider, subject to  
23 paragraph (2).

24     (2) If, after the board provides the provider notice and an  
25 opportunity to be heard, the board finds that the provider violated  
26 the requirement in paragraph (1), the board shall withdraw approval  
27 of the provider for no less than five years.